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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP RELATED TO NASA
SPONSORED RESEARCH

REF: STATE 145434

1. S&T COUNSELOR HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED RESEARCH IN SAND DUNE AREA NEAR SAN JUAN WITH ACTING DIRECTOR ZUCCOLILLO AND METHAOL OF NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL SERVICE (SGN). BOTH WERE MOST INTERESTED IN COLLABORATION AS SUGGESTED REFTEL AND OPTIMISTIC THAT IT COULD TAKE PLACE. THEY REQUESTED THAT WE SEND LETTER TO MINERALS STATE SECRETARY PUCA PROTA, WHICH WE ARE DOING.

2. ENTRY OF "PERSONAL FIELD EQUIPMENT" AND POSSIBLY CAMERAS, AND EXIT OF SIMILAR EQUIPMENT PLUS SAMPLES THRU CUSTOMS IS PROBLEM WHICH NEEDS ATTENTION. BEST MECHANISM WE SEE TO PROVIDE FOR THIS IS 1972 SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE INDICATED THIS POSSIBILITY TO SGN AND IN LETTER TO PUCA PROTA. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE I, PARA 2, OF THAT AGREEMENT, SPECIFIC PROJECTS MAY BE INCLUDED UNDER IT BY SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT "BETWEEN COMPETENT MINISTRIES OR DEPARTMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES".

3. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) REQUEST PERMISSION FROM SMITHSONIAN (OR NASA IF THIS PREFERABLE) TO ACT ON ITS BEHALF IN NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OF REFTEL AND ABOVE WITH GOA TO ACCOMPLISH THIS JOINT RESEARCH.

(B) REQUEST INDICATION FROM NSF AS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR BILATERAL THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE.

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(C) IN ANTICIPATION THAT PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED, PLEASE CABLE

LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE IMPORTED AND INDICATE PROBABLE METHOD
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